

Top of the Week

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Sully Bureau chief Martin (with pad) Perry (right)



Hearing it from marines: Berthelsen (left) and Cook (right)

Americans at War PAGE 28

Operation Hastings last week took U.S. Marines within two miles of the border of North Vietnam. It involved nearly 20,000 men. But despite the continuing build-up on both sides, the war remains essentially a supreme test for the individual American soldier. How is he performing? For a look at the new breed of U.S. soldier Newsweek's Saigon correspondents François Sully, Merton Perry, William Cook, John Berthelsen and bureau chief Everett Martin recently spent days on patrol, in helicopters and at bases scattered around South Vietnam. From their files, the cover story was written by Associate Editor Raymond Carroll, edited by General Editor Dwight Martin. (Newsweek cover photo by James Pickerell—Black Star.)

The Case of Senator Dodd PAGE 22

For years, Sen. Thomas Dodd toiled routinely in the Senate's vineyards but now he is the talk of the Capital grapevine. Chief Congressional correspondent Samuel Shaffer interviewed Dodd while other Newsweek men pored over documents for this week's analysis of l'affaire Dodd, written by Associate Editor Frank Trippett.

The Ladies, God Bless 'em, in the Executive Suite PAGE 68

She's a kind of all-purpose sentry and psychologist. Indeed, the executive secretary may be as important to the businessman as his choice of a wife. From interviews by Newsweek reporters, Associate Editor Shepherd Campbell wrote this week's Spotlight on Business.

Ryun's Magnificent Mile PAGE 74

What limit to human achievement? asked Newsweek's cover story last week. Examining the meteoric career of 19-year-old Kansas miler Jim Ryun, Sports Editor John Lake suggested that Ryun can "lower every middle-distance record in the book—especially that magnificent mile." Less than 24 hours after Newsweek went to press, Ryun ran the mile in 3:51.3, a new record.

